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For: APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR
EFFICIENT PROCESSING OF
BIOLOGICAL SAMPLES ON SLIDES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the instant application, it is requested that the following amendments be made.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page ~~1~~, between lines 3 and 5, please ~~insert~~ the following new paragraph:

•CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

A1 This application is filed under 35 U.S.C. § 371 based on PCT/US99/30519, filed 22 December 1999, which claims priority to U.S. Serial No. 09/219,443, filed 23 December 1998. This application claims priority to both PCT/US99/30519 and to U.S. Serial No. 09/219,443 which are incorporated herein in their entirety.~

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims ~~1-19~~ and ~~37-42~~.

REMARKS

The specification is hereby amended to insert continuing data to claim priority to both PCT/US99/30519 and to U.S. Serial No. 09/219,443.